AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A system for facilitating access by users to digital content of one or more clients, the clients having client identifying information, the system comprising:

    one or more remote sites, each comprising

        one or more first servers configured to receive digital content from a~~ a~~ clients, <u>and</u>

        <u>an ingest server configured to receive the digital content uploaded from the client,</u>

        the digital content to be available to users via the <u>first servers</u> ~~remote sites~~; and

    a central site geographically remote from the remote sites, the central site comprising one or more ingest queue servers to direct transfer of digital content <u>from the ingest server</u> to one or more of the first servers based on the client identifying information.

Claim 2 (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein each client is associated with a particular remote site, the particular remote site storing digital content of the client.

Claim 3 (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein the client identifying information includes a location, the remote site proximate to the location.

Claim 4 (Original): The system of claim 3 wherein the location is a location of probable users of the client's digital content, the remote site and the client's digital content thus proximate to the location of probable users.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The <u>system</u> ~~method~~ of claim 3 further comprising:

    associating a character set within a language with a remote site; and

    using the associated character set in connection with the digital content at the remote site.

Claim 6 (Original): The system of claim 1 wherein two or more remote sites have a relationship to each other based on geographic location.

Claim 7 (Original): The system of claim 6 wherein transfer of digital content is based on the relationship between the two or more remote sites.

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Claim 8 (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein each remote site further comprises:

one or more second servers for managing digital content at the remote site;

one or more storage servers configured to store digital content received by the remote site; and

one or more media servers coupled to at least one of the storage servers, the one or more media servers configured to receive a request to access an item of digital content from a user and in response to the request, and read the item of digital content stored on the at least one storage server.

Claim 9 (Original): The system of claim 1 wherein the client identifying information is a location of the client.

Claim 10 (Original): The system of claim 1 wherein the client identifying information is an amount of digital content that the client has transferred.

Claim 11 (Original): The system of claim 1 wherein the central site further comprises: one or more first servers configured to receive digital content and make digital content available to users.

Claim 12 (Original): The system of claim 1 wherein transfer of digital content is caused by a user's request to experience the content.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): A method for facilitating access by users to digital content of one or more clients, each client the clients having client identifying information, the method comprising:

receiving information about digital content at a central site from a client the clients;

analyzing the client identifying information;

uploading the digital content to an ingest server at a remote site; and

directing transfer of digital content from the ingest server to another server at one or more of the remote sites based on the client identifying information.

Claim 14 (Original): The method of claim 13, wherein each client is associated with a particular remote site, the particular remote site storing digital content of the client.

Claim 15 (Original): The method of claim 13, wherein the client identifying information includes a location, the remote site proximate to the location.

Claim 16 (Original): The method of claim 15 wherein the location is a location of probable users of the client's digital content, the remote site and the client's digital content thus proximate to the location of probable users.

Claim 17 (Original): The method of claim 15 further comprising:

associating a character set within a language with a remote site; and

using the associated character set in connection with the digital content at the remote site.

Claim 18 (Original): The method of claim 13 wherein two or more remote sites have a relationship to each other based on geographic location.

Claim 19 (Original): The method of claim 13 wherein transfer of digital content is based on the relationship between the two or more remote sites.

Claim 20 (Original): The method of claim 13, further comprising:

managing the digital content at the remote site;

storing digital content received by the remote site; and

receiving a request to access an item of digital content from a user and in response to the request, reading the stored item of digital content.

Claim 21 (Original): The method of claim 13 wherein the client identifying information is the location of the client.

Claim 22 (Original): The method of claim 13 wherein the client identifying information is the amount of digital content that the client has transferred.

Claim 23 (Original): The method of claim 13 further comprising:

receiving digital content at the central site;

making the digital content available to users from the central site.

Claim 24 (Original): The method of claim 13 wherein transfer of digital content is in response to a request from a user to experience the content.

Claim 25 (Original): The method of claim 24 wherein transfer is to a remote site located proximate to the user making the request.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn): A method for managing digital content and providing digital content to end users the method comprising:

receiving digital content from a client having one or more characteristics;

assigning a unique identifier to the digital content based on the characteristics;

copying the digital content to one or more media servers based upon the characteristics.

Claim 27 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 26 wherein the characteristics include the subject matter of the content.

Claim 28 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 26 wherein the characteristics include the owner of the content.

Claim 29 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 26 wherein the characteristics include the geographic storage location of the content.

Claim 30 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 26 wherein the characteristics include the size of the content.

Claim 31 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 26 wherein the characteristics include the media type of the content.

Claim 32 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 26 wherein the characteristics include the amount of time the content has been requested in a given period of time.

Claim 33 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 26 further comprising:

    grouping together one or more servers;

    associating a criterion with the one or more servers; and

    utilizing a server from the grouped servers whenever the criterion is met.

Claim 34 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 33 wherein the criterion includes the client from whom the digital content was received.

Claim 35 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 33 wherein the criterion includes the size of the digital content.

Claim 36 (Withdrawn): A method of efficiently managing content received from a client the method comprising:

    receiving first content from a client;

    associating an identifier with the first content;

    storing the first content at a first location;

    receiving subsequent content from the client;

    retrieving the identifier;

    associating the identifier with the first location; and

    storing the subsequent content at the first location.

Claim 37 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 36 wherein the first location is a group of one or more storage devices.

Claim 38 (Withdrawn): A method for managing digital content of one or more clients, and providing the digital content to end users, the method comprising:

assigning one or more unique message queue to each client;

moving requests to access each client's digital content to the message queue assigned to the client; and

processing the requests received in one of each client's assigned message queues.

Claim 39 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 39 wherein the request to access the client's digital content is made by the client.

Claim 40 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 39 wherein the client request includes a request to delete the content.

Claim 41 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 39 wherein the client request includes a request to move the content.

Claim 42 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 39 wherein the client request includes a request to copy the content.